The Concrete plan Based on the Fundamental Policy in Dealing with China for the Accomplishment of the Greater East Asia war.

(Decided before a Cabinet Meeting)

January 4, 1943

1. Basic Agreement between Japan and China for Securing Chinese Co-operation in the War.

Basic agreement to secure co-operation in the war from the National Government shall be concluded with the Government in order to strive for the the accomplishment of the war together with a really-new China.

2. Increase of the Political Strength of the Mational Government.

In order to increase the political strength of the National Government, the following measures shall be taken for the present:

- i. The Strongthening of the National Government's Ability for Participating in the War.
- a) Efforts shall be made to cause the National Government to take every means possible to consolidate its finance, and special care shall be taken to make it develop its economic power by securing peace and order in the areas under its rule.
- b) Japan will give assistance to the National Government in its strenuous efforts in the way of financial affairs; above all, she will make some adjustments to her privileges concerning taxation based on the extra. territoriality and others; and at the same time she will give assistance needed to any rational modification of rates such as duties imposed by the

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and originality, and will hasten the strengthening of her political power and her positive co-operation with Japan through her voluntary activities.

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- c) Japan will promote the thorough execution of the orders from a superior government to an inferior government, and will take care not to suspend or break off the execution of the Chinese policies through her intervention into minor affairs.
- Committee and the Central Government, necessary adjustments shall be made according to the secret exchange note (A) annexed to the basic agreement between Japan and China, and at the same time the utmost efforts shall be made to soften the utmosphere between the two and build up a closer mutual economic connection.
- e) As to Mongolia, a closer economic connection shall be built up between North China and Mongolia.
- f) as to the Juhan area and Amoy, efforts shall be made to infuse the political power of the National Government into that area as much as possible following the instance of Canton.
- g) as to Hainan Island, necessary adjustments shall be made according to the actual condition, taking the secret exchange note (a) annexed to the basic agreement between Japan and China into consideration.
- iii. The meturn of Concessions and the transfer of Control of the Legation quarters in Peiping.

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National Government, an interport dut, a consolidated tax, etc., and also to the maintenance of the value of the notes issued by the National Reserve Bank.

ii. The Adjustment of the relations between the National Government and the Local Governments.

Special efforts shall be made to strengthen the National Governments leadership over the local governments by adjusting local peculiarities; and in doing this, care shall be taken especially not only to avoid needless friction or collision of sentiments between the central and local governments but to induce them to volunteer to create a harmonious and propitious atmosphere and to push forward in close co-operation of both the central and local governments for the accomplishment of the war as constituent delements of the regenerated China.

For this purpose, Japan will take the following measures for the present within the limits that they will not contradict the basic agreement between Japan and China and various understandings annexed thereto.

- a) As to the personnel affairs of the provincial governments, and the leaser various local governments. Japan will leave the matters to the part of China without intervention.
- b) Japan will make it a principle to confine the Japanese guidance or requests relating to the execution of policies of the provincial or lesser governments to those concerned with operations and guarding; as for the rest of administrative effairs, Japan will leave them widely to the discretion on the part of China and will make the most of her responsibilities

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Transfer the control of the international settlements in Shanghai and anoy and of the legation quarters in leiping, necessary arrangements shall be arrived at with the National Government, and at the same time Japan will take the trouble of requesting the third powers to act in concert with Japan.

iv. The Abolition of Extraterritioriality.

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3. The Execution of Econopic Policies.

Regarding the acquisition of goods and material in China and its control and the promotion of Chinese economic co-operation with Japan. the following measures shall be taken for the present:

i. In order to increase the amount of necessary goods and material to be obtained for the accomplishment of the war and to secure the self-support of the army and besides to contribute to the maintenance of the peoples life, efforts shall be made to acquire efficiently in accordance with the war-needs-first principle goods and material urgently needed to national defence and also to get possession of the goods and material which are on the side of the enemy.

For this purpose, efforts shall be unde to rationalize the control of goods and material and at the same time to make the commandeering prices of goods and material reasonable and appropriate.

Moreover, on the front line counter-enemy economic pressure shall be taken into consideration so as to prevent goods and material needed to war from flowing out into the hands of enemy. This, however, shall not check the interchange of goods and material in the occupied areas.

In carrying out this policy too, the responsibilities and originality of the Chinese side shall be made the most of to contribute to the strengthening of the political power of the National Government.

ii. In order to promote the positive economic activities of the Chinese government and people and their co-speration with Japan, and to contribute to the strengthening of the political power of the National

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a) the Sino-Japanese joint corporations shall be put under the control of the Chinese side, both nominally and virtually, and drastic adjustments shall be made regarding their funds, their component personnel, the privileges of tax exemption, etc:

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The public opinion shall be guided so as to make the people thoroughly understand the basic measures toward China.

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